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TAGS: ETEL, US, SA

SUBJECT: MR. SOBER'S LETTER AUGUST 16 ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TO HELP NEA APPROACH PROBLEM CITED BY MR. SOBER, I WISH TO
SUBMIT FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS:

1. SUGGEST ONE-CHANNEL HANDLING OF THIS PROBLEM, WHICH MEANS
THAT BUREAU WOULD DO IT THROUGH ALIREZA OR EMBASSY BE GIVEN
AUTHORITY TO HANDLE IT DIRECTLY WITH SAG. TWO-CHANNEL EMBASSY/
BUREAU APPROACH TO ALIREZA IN WASHINGTON AND SAG IN JIDDA
LIKELY TO CAUSE CONFUSION.

2. DEPARTMENT SHOULD REQUEST FCC TO LICENSE ALL AMERICAN
CARRIERS TO ESTABLISH DIRECT LINKS WITH SAUDI ARABIA. I WOULD
NOT WISH TO APPROACH SAG WITH SOME CARRIERS TEMPORARILY
LICENSED AND OTHER CARRIERS NOT LICENSED AT ALL. WHATEVER
RESULTS WE ACHIEVE, GLOBCOM SHOULD BE LICENSED ON THE
AMERICAN SIDE.

3. RECOMMEND AGAINST APPROACHING EITHER ARAB TELECOMMUNI-
CATIONS UNION OR INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION BEFORE
IT BECOMES APPARENT THAT TO DO SO WOULD BE BENEFICIAL AT SAUDI
END. IT IS UNWISE, GENERALLY SPEAKING, TO MIX OTHER PARTIES
WE CANNOT CONTROL INTO US/SAUDI AFFAIRS.

4. PLEASE INFORM US, FOR OUR INFORMATION ONLY, WHETHER ITT
AND WESTERN UNION INTERNATIONAL HAVE COMMUNICATIONS LINKS WITH
ISRAEL.

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5. AWAIT YOUR DECISION WITH RESPECT TO CHANNEL FOR HANDLING

THIS MATTER AS MENTIONED PARA 1 ABOVE.

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